

# Exclusive News by Special Cable From the Capitals of the Old World

## TRAINER CHASED BY TIGER ROUND CAGE

Animal Which Had Twice Attempted to Kill Him Resumes Attack.

## MAN'S ARM IN SLING

He is Thus Badly Handicapped and Has to Seek Safety in Flight.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

Another thrilling scene was witnessed in the Busch Circus this evening, when Jack Peters, the tamer, gave his second performance with his lions and tigers since he was mauled recently.

Owing to a release from overexertion after his first performance, his left arm was in a sling, and he entered the cage of eight lions and ten tigers armed only with a whip.

He obtained mastery over all the animals except the tiger which had twice attempted to kill him. This tiger followed him round the cage, making attempts to strike him with its paws. Peters, who was badly hampered with his helpless arm, was obliged to leave the cage, receding, and amid the intense excitement of the crowd.

A few minutes later he reappeared, and, entering the cage a second time, tried to subdue the tiger by lashing it with his whip. Again he had to dodge around the cage to avoid the animal's onslaughts, and the other animals becoming excited, his position became extremely dangerous. Keepers crowded round the cage ready to intervene at the moment of supreme danger. Suddenly the tiger was seen to crouch for a spring, when the keepers outside passed a lance over its head and pulled tight. A score of men from the audience joined a dozen keepers in tugging at the rope, but the tiger snapped the rope at a bound, and again made for Peters, who raced round the cage to avoid it.

The excitement of the audience reached fever pitch. Women shrieked, and many rushed in terror from the circus to avoid witnessing what seemed to be an inevitable tragedy. The keepers outside the cage began a regular bombardment with revolvers to terrify the wild beast. The combat inside the cage and the firing outside, with the shouts of men and shrieks of women, combined to make a scene of indescribable confusion.

Finally Peters made a dash for the cage door and got out in safety.

## POLITICAL RIOT IN PORTUGUESE PRISON

Two Factions—the Republicans and the Monarchists—in a Fierce Conflict.

LISBON, Dec. 22.

A remarkable political riot took place at the Setubal convict prison today between two factions of prisoners.

The inmates were divided into Monarchist and Republican groups, and the bitterness between them was so great that the force of infantry stationed at the prison was unable to preserve order.

The climax was reached this morning, when the Republicans, by way of revenge for sundry attacks by their opponents, set fire to the dormitory of the Monarchists.

The building was soon a mass of flames, notwithstanding the prompt arrival of the wardens and soldiers with fire apparatus.

While they fought the fire the exultant Republicans sang Republican songs, and jeered at their "homeless" opponents. The refractory prisoners were not subdued until they had been thoroughly drenched with water from five hoses of hose.

A number of them were wounded in encounters with the opposing faction.



The Chinese soldier of to-day



The old leisured life of China - A discussion on Confucius



The Mandarin and the Motor Car - The new country sport of Celestials



Chinese Belle of to-day in traveling dress

## CHINESE TRY HARD TO QUIT OPIUM HABIT

Great Rush to Escape Its Influence Follows Discovery of a Cure.

THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22.

The anti-opium movement in Malaya can only be described as colossal. So rapidly has it spread, and so popular has it become that it reminds one more of a Welsh revival than a movement undertaken by the timid Chinese.

A few weeks ago a well-to-do Chinaman in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Selangor, received from China specimens of a plant which was said to be a cure for the opium habit. A short search revealed the fact that the plant grew freely in Selangor in a wild state, and in a very short time a quantity was obtained, and active operations commenced.

The leaves of the plant, which appears to be a shrub somewhat akin to gambier, are exposed to the sun for a day, then chopped fine and roasted, after which an infusion is made, and the specific is distributed free. The dispensaries established for its distribution are hard pushed to keep up with the demand, the applicants in Kuala Lumpur alone numbering over 200 daily.

The anti-opiumists claim to have cured, in the few short weeks since the plant was discovered, over 10,000 people in the Kuala Lumpur district alone. The receipts of the opium shops in and around Kuala Lumpur have fallen off by two-thirds, while several shops have had to close for lack of custom.

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## DETECTIVE CONFESSES MURDER OF WOMAN

Man Assigned to Unravel Mystery Shown Superiors How Crime Was Committed.

THEN KILLS HIMSELF

ROME, Dec. 22.

The detective instinct triumphed today over a man's love of life, and miserably the Italian police force lost one of its most promising young detectives.

A few months ago the body of a young peasant girl, Domènica Vincetti, was found terribly mutilated near the village of the opium shops in and around Kuala Lumpur have fallen off by two-thirds, while several shops have had to close for lack of custom.

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PROGRESS OF CHINA ILLUSTRATED

## CHINA AWAKENS FROM LETHARGY OF AGES

Extraordinary Progress Made by the Empire in Pathway of Civilization.

WESTERN IDEAS RULE

PERKIN, Dec. 22.

At last Western ideas have penetrated the Chinese intelligence, and the awakening is likely to be swift and of extraordinary importance to the world.

The sleeping giant is rousing himself, and when he shakes the counterpane of the world the nations will do well to look to their supremacy. Per behind the exclusiveness of ages there lie forces that need only to be set in motion to become overwhelming.

The China of today is not that of ten years ago. Her army is undergoing thorough reorganization, and no longer will the Chinese approve their ancient proverb, "One does not take the best iron to make hooks, nor brave men for soldiers."

Smart uniforms, modern weapons and drill are now in use on every parade ground, and even the very small boys of the nation are under military instruction.

The soldierly ideal is taking root, and these small cadets are said to give every promise of earnestness and efficiency. In industrial life it is the same. The printing press of the West has come to the land where the art was known long before Caxton.

The Celestial compositor stands at European cases filling his stick, and in the machine rooms the most perfect presses driven by electricity are looked after by clever workmen, who have learned their business in Europe.

Thus the Chinaman of today receives his up-to-date newspaper.

Latest in Locomotives.

On the railways Chinese officials drive the latest patterns of locomotives, which are sometimes built in China, or if not, are put together there by native artificers. On the roads the motor car has made its appearance, and the antiquated machines that Europe has cast aside, but powerful new vehicles of from 20 to 25 horsepower.

It is nothing uncommon to see the staid mandarin rushing along in his motor on business or pleasure. It is regrettable that the picturesque national costume is yielding to the top hat and frock coat, but this penalty to progress has been paid by Japan, and China can hardly escape.

The women of China do not adopt Paris fashions at home, but they do so not infrequently when they travel. Since they discovered that they must go abroad the awakening of China has become an accomplished fact. They send representatives to the French manoeuvres, and have also some cadets under instruction at the French Naval School. In this they are only following the lead of Japan.

Capable in the Sciences.

In every science they are becoming capable, and in the applied sciences their experts are to be met with everywhere. Chinamen are now accomplished in the conduct of telephones, telegraph and railway service. As engineers they are sure to be successful, for the nation is proverbially ingenious and neat-handed.

There is little doubt that he will pick up the lessons of the West as quickly as the Japanese, and it remains one of the most important problems of the age what he will do with his knowledge once he realizes the power it bestows.

WANT DENTIST FOR ELEPHANT

One Tackles Job, But is Chased by the Suffering Animal.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The municipal authorities of Bremen have been requested to advertise for a dentist who is willing to attend an elephant.

The elephant in question is an inmate of the local zoo. He suffers from peevishness in consequence of frequent attacks of toothache, caused by overabundance of sweets. At such times he is practically unmanageable.

The local dentists refuse to attempt to stop his teeth. One dentist was brave enough to try to examine an aching tooth, but the enraged elephant chased him around the enclosure, and he afterward sent in a bill for damage by shock.

## RAIDED BY LIONS, TRADER KILLS FOUR

Terrible Predicament of White Man and Natives Guarding Cattle Kraal.

AMMUNITION IS SHORT

CAPETOWN, Dec. 22.

Thursday night a white trader named MacMillan recently had a thrilling adventure while transporting 100 head of cattle from Lesotho to Kalamo, in north-western Rhodesia.

While encamped at the Luangwa river he was awakened by the noise of lions attacking the cattle kraal. MacMillan secured two heavy revolvers, and, accompanied by armed native helpers, took up his position on an ant heap and fired at the lions, several of which had already entered the kraal.

Two lions were badly wounded, and, roaring with pain, they dashed at MacMillan. They were quickly despatched, but not before two of the natives had been badly wounded.

A third wounded lion then charged the ant heap, and as MacMillan and his men had exhausted their ammunition they were forced to retreat into the bush until daylight. Then they saw three wounded lions leave the kraal and seek shelter in the bush.

Inside the kraal they found two more dead lions, making a total of four killed and three wounded. The lions had killed eleven oxen, seven cows and five calves.

SECRET DIES WITH HIM

PARIS, Dec. 22.

M. Capel, a distinguished chemist and alchemist, who has long been trying to manufacture gold, brought about the death of himself and his entire family last night just when he believed that he had solved the golden riddle.

M. Capel had recently hinted to several people that he had made an important discovery in his experiments at gold production, and he wrote to his brother saying that he believed he was on the way toward solving the problem.

He called his wife and three children into his laboratory at Pomet last night and showed them what appeared to be a nugget of gold.

He was explaining to them the process he had used, when he inadvertently pushed a basin containing some gunpowder too near the lamp. A terrific explosion followed, blowing up the entire laboratory and leaving it a heap of ruins.

Neighbors rushed to the rescue, and with great difficulty were able to recover the shattered bodies of the alchemist, his wife and three children. The wife was still able to speak, but she died on her way to the hospital. The alchemist has left no trace of his secret discovery.

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## ACTION AT LAW OVER QUARTER CENT

Its Non-Payment Leads to the Rejection of Probably Profitable Patent.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.

Two inventors named Mach and Laskosch have brought an action for \$200, which they allege they have lost by the non-payment of half a farthing.

They protected at the German Patent Office a contrivance to prevent accidents in working cranes, the yearly payment being \$7.50. This amount was calculated by the Austrian postal service and duly sent by postpaid order.

The Berlin postal authorities, however, declared that the amount received was one-eighth of a penny less than the sum due, and sent two notices to the inventors' agent asking for the balance.

As the notices were disregarded, the Patent Office declared the patent lapsed. The inventors have now brought their action against their agent for neglect in failing to pay the extra half farthing.

ESCAPING SOLDIER SHOT DEAD

Tried to Leave Barracks to Visit Mother, Who Was Ill.

HAMBURG, Dec. 22.—A soldier named Krupp was shot dead last night as he was attempting to escape from barracks to see his mother, who was dangerously ill.

Leave of absence had been forbidden, but he ran out of the barracks and was pursued down the street by soldiers. He refused to surrender, whereupon the order was given to fire on him, and he fell dead with six bullets in his heart.

## WOMAN IS DOOMED AND SLAIN BY GANG

Friends of Convict Whom She Brought to Justice Have Terrible Revenge.

YOUNG MAN ASSASSIN

Gives But Quarter Hour to Prepare for Death and Then Executes Sentence.

PARIS, Dec. 22.

An extraordinary tale of the carrying out of a sentence of death passed by a gang of criminals on a woman was told in the courts today.

A man named Chézy was recently arrested, convicted of robbery and sentenced to two years' imprisonment on information given by a woman whom he knew, named Sarah Baronmer.

It was not until he appeared before the courts that Chézy learned that the woman had been the means of his conviction. He found means of communicating with the gang to which he was affiliated, and asked them to avenge him.

The gang met, discussed the matter and sentenced the woman to death. Lots were drawn to decide who should be the executioner, and Camille Koenig, 25, was designated. He found his victim in company with two female friends in a cafe on the Boulevard de Belleville. He entered the cafe and spoke so threateningly that the two friends fled in alarm. "I am here to kill you for denouncing your lover," said Koenig. "Make up your mind that you have got to die. I give you a quarter of an hour to settle your affairs."

So saying, he strode out into the street. Twenty minutes later, the trembling woman summoned up her courage and went out. Koenig had been lying in wait and walked in to her with an open knife in his hand. He stabbed her deeply in the chest, and as she staggered blindly forward struck her again in the back, killing her almost instantly. Koenig was arrested the same evening.

The jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree, and refused the plea of extenuating circumstances. Koenig was sentenced to death. The sentence will, however, in all probability be commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

COPPER MINING IN IRELAND

Enterprise That Encourages Hopes of Revival of Prosperity in Waterford.

WATERFORD, Dec. 22.—The Bonmahon copper mines, near Waterford, which have been restarted after twenty-five years of silence, encourage hopes for a revival of prosperity in an extensive district.

When the mines were working before the village had a population of 600 or 700. Now there are fewer than 200 people in the district.

Money for the new enterprise has mostly been subscribed locally, and a quantity of ore has already been shipped.

Labor is cheap in the district. Agricultural laborers earn about 10 shillings weekly, while the miners are paid upward of 15 shillings.

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